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REPORTS EXORBITANT TAXES,
OPPRESSION IN KWANGTUNG

The people are being disarmed, while bandits are allowed to be active. In Kwangtung all arms have been taken from the people. Clearly

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the purpose is to take away from the people the power of resistance. But the tragedy of it is that everywhere bandits are attacking villages.

Local Communists use public power to retaliate for personal enmities. Many CCP cadres and leaders formerly made a living by gambling, but with liberation, they rose to be top officials. They strut around arrogantly, imposing on anyone they wish. They impound a person's house or land and accuse him of being a reactionary landlord, or thrust him into jail on the charge of being a special agent of the Kuomintang. The countless instances of this sort of thing have filled the people with fear. They dare not face the future. Most of them would like to see the old days come back.

LAND REFORM IN KWANGTUNG SPOTTY -- Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 28 Dec 49

Private sources reveal that in quite a number of hsiens of liberated Kwangtung, government liquidation of unworthy land owners and redistribution of fields has begun.

A large number of peasants, however, still not freed from KMT tradition and still doubting Communist victories, have quietly made "gentlemen's agreements" with the original owners for the old system of tenancy. Neutral observers now believe that land reform in a number of hsiens is not a universal plan of the Communist Party for all South China, but is instituted by individuals in various places.

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